(d) Due to the imperatives for secuity aspects, possibility of using Safdarjung Airport for micro lights, tourist flights, ballooning carnivals or Horticulture Park has limitations.

(e) Does not arise.

Use of old 747 Aircrafts

1906. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that the age of many 747 aircrafts is such that these can no more be used as per international standards; and

(b) whether any such aircrafts are still in use and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) As long as aircraft are maintained as per approved maintenance programme of DGCA and all mandatory requirements stipulated by the DGCA as well as the regulatory authorities of the aircraft manufacturing countries are complied with, they are considered airworthy and can operate on all international/domestic sectors. All the aircraft in Air India's fleet are maintained in airworthy condition and meet all the requirements of the regulatory authorities.

Black marketing of concessional tickets

1907. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the airline companies have offered attractive economy packages for passengers to attract tourists;

(b) whether it is also a fact that concessional tickets have been purchased by travel agents denying benefits to legitimate passengers, and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to check black marketing by travel agents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Many airline companies offer promotional fares/schemes to attract tourists.